

Meeting Date: July 19, 2007

Agenda Item No. 10

Agenda Item: Release of Bighorn Sheep Tags for
Auction/Lottery (Action)

Approved by: _____

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Background:

The Idaho Fish & Game Commission is authorized to release a bighorn sheep tag for auction since 1988, and a bighorn sheep tag for lottery since 1992. Department proceeds from the auction tag are used to fund bighorn sheep research and management. Proceeds from the lottery tag help fund Department activities for resolving problems between wild and domestic animals. Foundation for North American Wild Sheep has been the conservation organization historically selected for marketing the tags.

The attachment provides a history of income received from the auction and lottery tags.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

Idaho Code 36-408(5) provides statutory authority for the Commission.

Public Involvement Process:

None. The Foundation for North American Wild Sheep supports the requested action.

Staff Recommendation:

Approve the release of auction and lottery bighorn sheep tags for 2008 to be marketed by the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep.

Justification:

Commission action is required to release the tags.



**IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
FOUNDATION FOR NORTH AMERICAN WILD SHEEP
IDAHO SPECIAL BIGHORN SHEEP PERMIT/TAG
LOTTERY AND AUCTION REVENUE HISTORY**

(revised 03/20/07)

Income Year	Auction Price	Department Share	Department Expenditures	Income Year	Lottery Price	Department Expenditures³
1988	\$68,000	\$64,600	\$117	N/A		
1989	\$36,000	\$34,200	\$66,712	N/A		
1990	\$30,000	\$28,500	\$20,476	N/A		
1991	\$30,000	\$23,700	\$27,005	N/A		
1992	\$51,000	\$48,450	\$8,444	1992	\$14,446	\$0.00
1993	\$31,000	\$29,450	\$182	1993	\$8,836	\$0.00
1994 ¹	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$179	1994	\$12,112	\$9,218
1995	\$70,000	\$66,500	\$20,435	1995	\$20,798	\$12,103
1996	\$101,000	\$95,950	\$55,335	1996	\$38,784	\$1,478
1997	\$33,000	\$31,350	\$187,409	1997	\$31,262	\$17,888
1998	\$55,000	\$52,250	\$86,405	1998	\$36,855	\$34,479
1999	\$36,500	\$34,675	\$112,142 ²	1999	\$41,466	\$26,900
2000	\$46,000	\$43,700	\$122,383	2000	\$36,978	\$34,852
2001	\$80,000	\$76,000	\$84,814	2001	\$29,177	\$76,115
2002	\$47,500	\$45,125	\$169,383	2002	\$65,987	\$99,898
2003	\$90,000	\$85,500	\$112,268	2003	\$59,448	\$43,396
2004	\$46,000	\$43,700	\$87,356	2004	\$81,635	\$23,382
2005	\$180,000	\$171,000	\$72,246	2005	\$68,243	\$57,987
2006	\$55,000	\$52,250	\$57,356	2006	\$86,246	\$78,639
2007	\$95,000	\$90,250		2007		
TOTAL	\$1,231,000	\$1,167,150	\$1,290,647		\$632,273	\$516,335

- 1 Re-donated
- 2 Expenses include biologist's salary
- 3 All proceeds dedicated to Wildlife Health Laboratory